

BASE BALL, BOXING AND ALL LIVE SPORTS

LINGO OF AUSTRALIA

Description of a Baseball Game Is Quite Unique.

Pitcher "Mounts the Box" and "Treats Batter With Respect"—"Came With Brilliant Hit Right Out to Left Field."

The following description of a baseball game played recently in Australia between native and American resident mixes gives an excellent idea of antipodean baseball vernacular:

"The American mounted the box first, sending Marro to face the attack. The pitcher treated him with respect, allowing him to walk to first. Casey followed, and Hearnden's error enabled him to reach second in safety. Caswell then threw wildly at first base, and before the ball was recovered Marro and Casey had sprinted across the plate. Tucker, meanwhile, had made good on the diamond, but Bragg's fly, which was muffed, gave the fieldman an opportunity of cutting the runner off at third. Bragg consequently scored on Brown's hit to the country, making three runs for the inning.

"Australia sent Hearnden to the box first, but a putout at first base was registered. Comber followed and Marro's bad throw saw him safely landed at first. Golby then came with a brilliant hit right out to left field, bringing Comber home. Spiller, who had been missed by the catcher, made his way to third and a passed ball completed the distance for him. In the next term America could not get off the box, and then Australia made a determined effort to draw level in the succeeding term. Hearnden brilliantly smashed to the left 'garden' for a two-bagger, and a passed ball sent him on to third. Another passed ball completed the journey for him, and the score read three-all.

"Spiller was indulging in darings pilfering on the diamond, and a well judged steal gave him second base, from where he was sent flying across the plate on Golby's clout, which Casey allowed to get past. Golby had reached third when Lambert went into bat, and the Leitchhardt player brought him home on a fine outfield hit, which produced two bags. Caswell then brought Lambert home, making four runs for the session."

TIPPLE SENT TO BALTIMORE

Manager Bill Donovan Wins Out in Argument With Captain Huston Over Recruit Pitcher.

It seems that Manager Bill Donovan of the Yankees has found a real club magnate in Capt. Til Huston. They disputed over the fate of Pitcher Dan Tipple, for whom the New York club had paid \$9,000 or so. Donovan decided Tipple would not do and ordered



Dan Tipple.

him to the Baltimore Internationals, all other major league managers agreeing that he didn't look good, but Huston, remembering the price paid for the pitcher, insisted he should be given more trial. Donovan won in the end, because Tipple failed to make good.

LAJOIE RETAINS OLD SKILL

Big Frenchman Has Been in Major Leagues Twenty Years—Is Most Graceful Infielder.

"Larry" Lajoie, who will be forty-two years of age next September, played a brilliant fielding game. This is his twenty-first year as a professional ball player and his twentieth in the major leagues. He always has been one of the most graceful infielders in the profession and still possesses much of his old skill.

TEAMS DISCARD OLD SUITS

Boston Braves and Chicago Cubs Arrive Themselves in Gray Uniforms While Traveling.

The somber blue or black or whatever it was that the Boston Braves wore on the road has been discarded and they are rigged out in a light gray for this season. The Cubs also have discarded their blue uniforms and gray in one shade or another is the popular brand for traveling suits.

JOE GEDEON SLIDES IN UNUSUAL MANNER



Federal Recruit Promises to Be Baseball "Find" of Season.

In his manner of sliding into bases Joe Gedeon, the Yankee second baseman recruited from the defunct Federal league, whose phenomenal batting and fielding bids fair to make him the "baseball find" of the season, differs entirely from practically every major leaguer now in the game. Gedeon dives for the bag head foremost, and hooking the bag with one hand, curves his body as far as possible from the baseman. In this way of "hitting the dirt" the runner runs the risk of a spiked hand but avoids the danger of wrenched and strained ankles. The photograph shows "Joe" Gedeon in his typical manner of sliding into a base. Pipp, the Yankee first baseman, is taking the throw at the bag.

BASEBALL STORIES

Those Indians are proving themselves worthy of the name.

The only positive certainty about baseball is the price of admission.

Tris Speaker is the real slugging friend of the American league to date.

Benny Kauff says his name is pronounced "Cowf," not "Cough." Aw right, Benny!

"Baseball insanity," says the Toledo Blade, "is a glorious affliction." Who is loony now?

Charley Pechous has been sent to the Peoria club of the Three I league by Manager Tinker.

Baseball fans are rejoicing in the opportunity to forget the lawyers and talk about the players.

Mike Kelly expects to get a lot of good pitching out of Lefty Leifeld, the old-time Cub pitcher.

A gent entitled Cable has been separated from the Yankee roster. S'pose Bill Donovan cut the cable?

Catcher Nunnemaker of the Yankees won a wrist watch in a raffle a short time ago, but he is afraid to wear it.

Jack Fournier may not be the best first baseman in the league, but he has plenty of fight in him to satisfy everyone.

Hooper is playing in wonderful form this spring. He says he is out after the honors, regardless of Cobb and a few others.

Buck Weaver is developing into a real third baseman. He has the throw and can cover the ground as well or better than he ever did around short.

Brooklyn may discard Hi Myers. Jimmy Johnston, it is said, has shown Manager Robinson so much—so early—that Myers has lost out on an outfield job.

Betsel, the nifty second baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, carries around six initials to his name. He signs the little old pay check thus: C. F. A. J. H. D. Betsel.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Senators, has been quoted as saying that the Tigers stand the best show of winning the American league flag this year.

Mr. Pipp of the New York Yankees granted an interview after battling against Walter Johnson. "He may be a good pitcher, but I can't see him," confessed Mr. Pipp.

George Suggs, pitcher formerly with Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds and later with Baltimore Feds, may get another chance in the game with the Richmond Internationals.

Tom Tennant, veteran first baseman of the Coast league and once with the St. Louis Browns, will try to do a comeback with the Mobile team of the Southern league this year.

The baseball team from the University of Waseda, Japan, will meet some of the best college teams on the Pacific coast and the middle West after its arrival from Honolulu.

Herzog refuses to get rid of Fritz Mollwitz, even though he has Hal Chase to cover first. The Milwaukee club made a good offer for Fritz, but Garry Herrmann refused to listen.

George Whitted, former Brave and now a member of the champion Phillies, says that the battle in the National league is to be between the Braves and the Phillies again this year.

New York fans are with Kauff, Rousch and Rariden to a man. They say the ex-Feds have made the Giants, and that if it were not for them McGraw's club would remain cellar champions.

OWNER OF DES MOINES TEAM

Frank Isbell, Former White Sox Player, Got His First Start With Comiskey as Pitcher.

Frank Isbell, who is president and manager of the Des Moines club, 1915 winner of the Western league pennant, is a noted figure in baseball, as he was for years the famous second baseman of the Chicago White Sox. He was born in Delavan, N. Y., on August 21, 1875, and moved to Minnesota when a boy. He was with Comiskey during most of his baseball career.



Frank Isbell.

playing every position on the diamond at different times. He began as a pitcher and joined the St. Paul club in the fall of 1896. He pitched and played the outfield there for two years until he was drafted by the Chicago Nationals for the season of 1898. He remained on the West side team until August, 1898, when he was returned to St. Paul, finishing the season in the outfield. He went to Chicago with Comiskey's club in 1900 and developed into a first baseman and then into a great utility player, and finally into the club's regular second baseman. Three years ago he purchased an interest in the Wichita club of the Western league, and retired from the major league arena, with Comiskey's consent, to give his entire time to the Wichita club. Then he assumed the control and management of the Des Moines club, whose team he then piloted to the pinnacle of success.

BOOST FOR SHORTSTOP WITT

Manager Carrigan Says Athletic Recruit Is One of Most Promising Youngsters in League.

Witt, the Athletics' shortstop, in the opinion of "Bill" Carrigan, manager of the Red Sox, is one of the most promising youngsters in the major leagues. In fact, Carrigan thinks a lot of Mack's entire team. He says: "One or two good players, particularly of some ability and steadiness in the pitching department, and the Athletics would be in the race. Mack's team is weak at one or two places. In Witt he appears to have found a player of great promise. He is fast, stands up well at the plate and is clever. I cannot say that Witt makes the same big impression with me that George Sisler of the St. Louis Browns made on his first appearance in Boston last season, but undoubtedly this man Witt has the makings of a star."

SOUTHPAWS BACK TO MINORS

Manager Donovan, Well Supplied With Left-handers, Sends Finn, Gay and Meadows Back for Seasoning.

It did not take Manager Bill Donovan long to decide that three of his left-handed pitching candidates were not intended for fast company, and he sent Finn, Gay and Meadows back to the minors. Donovan is going to be well supplied with southpaws in the coming campaign, and he was easily satisfied that Morrige, Culp, Love, Markle and one or two others were the cream of his offside, or southpaw, twirlers.

FORCED TO BE SECRET

Big League Scouts Must Do Their Work Under Cover.

Bush Managers Concealed All Sorts of Ways to Boost Assets—Batting Averages Padded to Make Players Tempting.

Many good stories are told by big-league scouts—and about them. Jim Murphy, former scout for the Chicago Nationals, tells one which shows the value of keeping under cover. The Marion (O.) club had a player it was trying to peddle off on the big leagues. The tip finally reached the Cubs that there was a splendid player for the top rung. So Jim Murphy went down to look him over.

On the day he arrived he took his seat in the grandstand, unobserved, and according to his custom immediately began asking questions about the youngster.

The fan on his right happened to be a keen rooster, so Murphy opened up on him. The talk finally led around to the man the Cubs were after. "What kind of a player is he and so on?" inquired Murphy.

"Bill Smith" (name faked for obvious reason), exclaimed the fan. "Oh, Bill's a wonderful felder, when he leaves the booze alone," was the unexpected answer. It is almost needless to say Murphy took the next train back home. He had learned all he wanted in that one short session.

On another occasion Murphy was investigating a player up in Wisconsin. The manager of the team was doing his best to sell the "star" for a big price, but he knew his man was a hard drinker and tried to conceal the fact. So he introduced Murphy to the player and then started to take the party on a tour of the saloons in town.

Every time a drink was ordered he tipped the wink to his player and he would order a cigar, much to the amazement of the bartender. He would instinctively reach for the bottle which the player generally ordered, as Murphy noticed with an inward smile.

And every time said player asked for a cigar the manager would nudge Murphy and exclaim, "See that? He's as steady and temperate as they make them." But any man with half an eye would have spotted the player for a hard drinker. He even had it on his breath. Murphy finally left town without his man.

This just shows to what means managers will go in their anxiety to sell a player for a good price and make some profits for the club. There are even cases where batting averages are padded to give the impression players are sluggers, thus making them tempting bait for big-league scouts.

A scout has to be a detective in addition to his other virtues. It is no easy job.

HAS NEW STYLE OF HITTING

George Cutshaw of Brooklyn Hopes to Increase Batting Average From .250 to .300 Class.

George Cutshaw, like all good citizens, is ambitious, and to further his latest ambition he has drilled himself into a new style of hitting which he fervently hopes will jump his batting average from the .250 class into the .300 division, or thereabouts. Now George has discovered that he can be



George Cutshaw.

much more effective at the bat, especially in the production of extra-base hits, by taking a shorter grip on the stick, giving his arms full swing and whirling his body in unison with his arms.

HARD LUCK OF BABE ADAMS

Four Games Should Have Been Recorded as "No-Hit" Performances—Ball Lost in Sun.

Babe Adams has pitched four one-hit games in his career that he thinks should have gone as no-hit games. Once with Denver a fielder lost a ball in the sun and it went for a hit. Again with Louisville the same thing happened. In the National league he held Cincinnati to two infield taps that liberal scorers might have registered as errors.

CONNIE MACK'S FAMED \$100,000 INFELD



Famous Quartet of Players Now Broken Up.

Somebody tagged the name "100,000 infield" on the McInnis-Collins-Barry-Baker combination in the pennant-winning days of Connie Mack's Athletics, and it stuck until the infield was broken up. There was always the idea, however, that the title was not to be interpreted literally, despite the recognized worth of the combination. The sale of Frank Baker to the Yankees has proved that the famous infield was not overrated, financially; in fact, it was underrated.

Mack got \$50,000 when he transferred Eddie Collins to the White Sox. Later he got \$5,000 for Jack Barry from Joe Lannin of Boston. Two members of the quartet remained, and there was some doubt as to whether Mack would, or could, get \$42,000 for the pair. The price for Baker has never been officially announced, but it is generally understood that the home-run king cost Ruppert and Houston \$35,000. This leaves only \$7,000 to be accounted for by Stuffy McInnis. Stuffy, who is still a youngster, has batted over .300 for six successive years in the majors, and he would bring two or three times that \$7,000. So that famous infield was more than a \$100,000 proposition after all.

DIAMOND NOTES

Hans Wagner seems to be the same old demon of the past.

The Athletics continue to prove easy for their opponents.

One solid wallop delivered in the pinch covers a multitude of errors.

Joe Jackson is hitting the ball hard these days, but he is not getting many hits.

The town that produces a famous baseball pitcher can well afford to rest on its laurels.

Is Hans Wagner aged? Watch his batting every day. He has been getting bingles regularly.

The Cleveland Indians, with Tris Speaker acting as field captain, are much improved over last year.

"Fried eggs cause insanity," says an expert. Ah! Now we know what ails the baseball fans of St. Louis.

If the managers' predictions come true this season, the two major league pennant races will furnish an eight-piece tie.

Joe Judge, Washington first-sacker, originally toiled in an electric power house. Now we know why he sparkles in fast company.

This is the time of the year when great baseball teams throw away games that they bitterly regret in the shank of the season.

The Philadelphia Athletics are the most erratic players in the major leagues. One day they lose and the next the other fellows win.

Tom Sawyer is holding a job as assistant funmaker for the Washington Senators. Folks say Tom is a huckleberry at cutting comical capers.

The Oakland club has released Babe Danzig and Frank Hosp, who failed to show signs of coming back, and returned Catcher Dave Griffith to Wichita.

Another Titus breaks into the game this year. His front name is Elmer and he hails from Philadelphia. He will play with Wheeling in the Central league.

George O'Brien, catcher sold by the St. Louis Browns to the Terre Haute Central league club, is out with an announcement that he will retire from baseball.

Manager Tinker has always contended that Max Flack is a wonderful little outfielder and he is bearing out the manager's comment by starring in the outfield.

"Billy" Sullivan is advocating the keeping of the young pitchers of the Detroit team for a period of training after the regular training season closes next autumn.

MOBBED FOR WINNING GAME

Mordecai Brown, Famous Cub Pitcher, Tells of Contest Which Stands Out Above All Others.

In a fanning he Mordecai Brown was asked to tell the best game that he ever pitched.

"There is one game which stands out in my mind above all others. That was in 1908, when we beat the New York Giants in the play-off for the National league pennant. You will remember that Pfeister started that game and filled the bases in the first inning. Chance motioned to me to go in, and I got out of the hole with but one run scored against us.

"In the third inning we made four runs off Mathewson. In the seventh



Mordecai Brown.

inning the Giants started a rally and made one run. The game ended with the score, 4 to 2.

"The strain of that game was never equaled by me. Upon it hinged a league championship and the right and honor of play in the world's series. In addition to this, the feeling in New York was at such an extreme pitch that we had received 'Black Hand' letters, which threatened us with our several lives if we took the pennant from New York.

"I don't believe I ever was so alarmed on a diamond as at the conclusion of that game, when the crowd at the Polo grounds practically mobbed us. Chance was hit in the neck and could not speak for several days. Other players were similarly treated. Luckily I escaped."

EX-FED PLAYS GAME ALONE

Player Under Contract to Newark Club Reports for Duty Every Morning and Afternoon.

Rupert Mills, a kid player with the Newark Feds last year, is under contract with former owner Pat Powers, who is unable to get the boy a berth. So in order to earn his salary of \$3,000 Mills reports each morning for practice and works with some neighborhood players.

OUR LEADING CLUBS

Moulders of Public Opinion and Assembling Places for Citizens in This City.

The Eagle Presents Its Galaxy of the Leading Political and Social Organizations.

Following are the locations of the leading self-sustaining clubs of Chicago:

Apollo Club, 202 S. Michigan ave. Builders', 412-418 Chamber of Commerce building.

Calumet, Michigan ave. and 20th st. Caxton, Tenth floor, Fine Arts bldg. Chicago Athletic Association, 13 S. Michigan ave.

Chicago Architectural, Art Institute. Chicago Automobile, 321 Plymouth court.

Chicago Club, Michigan ave. and Van Buren street. Chicago Cycling, 1615, 37 East Van Buren street.

Chicago Motor Club, 1250 South Michigan avenue. Chicago Yacht, foot of Monroe st.

City Club, 315 Plymouth court. Cliff Dwellers, 216 S. Michigan ave. Colonial Club of Chicago, 4448 Grand boulevard.

Columbia Yacht, foot of Randolph street. Elks, Grand Pacific Hotel (temporary), pending completion of new club house at 174 West Washington street.

Englewood, 6323 Harvard avenue. Edgewater Country, 5658 Winthrop avenue.

Farragut Yacht Club, foot of 33d st. Germania Maennerchor, 106 Germania place.

Hamilton, 20 S. Dearborn st. Illinois Athletic, 112 S. Michigan avenue.

Irish Fellowship Club, La Salle Hotel. Iroquois, 21 N. La Salle st.

Illinois, 113 S. Ashland boulevard. Jefferson, Dearborn ave. and Maple street.

Kenwood, Lake ave. and 47th st. Kenwood Country, Drexel boulevard and 48th street.

Mid-Day, First National Bank bldg., 17th floor. Oaks, Lake st. and Waller ave.

Press Club of Chicago, City Hall Square Building. Quadrangle, Lexington avenue and 58th street.

Rotary, 38 South Dearborn st. Saddle and Cycle, Sheridan Road and Foster avenue.

South Shore Country, lake shore and 67th street. Southern, 26 N. Dearborn street.

Speedway Park Club, 140 S. Dearborn street. Standard, Michigan ave. and 34th street.

Swedish Club of Chicago, 1258 La Salle avenue. Twentieth Century, 3246 Michigan avenue.

Union League, Jackson boulevard and Federal street. University, Michigan avenue and Monroe street.

The Michelob Club which meets at Ohio and Clark streets in Sauerman's splendid rooms is growing in membership and power every day.

Simon O'Donnell is an honest, earnest and respected leader in the world of labor.

Joseph F. Haas, the popular former County Clerk, is one of the most valuable and clear sighted of Republican leaders.

John S. Cooper, the veteran horse dealer, is honored at the Stock Yards and everywhere else for his upright career.

John D. Gallivan, the veteran letter carrier, is one of the most popular men in the service of Uncle Sam.

Henry J. Kolbe made a splendid County Commissioner. He would make a good city treasurer.

Patrick J. Carr is making a good record as trustee of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

Frank H. Jones is not only a democrat of national reputation, but a financier who is respected by everybody.

The Lyon Brand tires are in great demand. The Auto Tire Sales Company at 1346 Michigan avenue, of which T. S. Shattuc is the manager, never hear anything but words of praise for the Lyon Brand, of which they sell an immense number, both at wholesale, to the trade and retail to private individuals.

Joseph E. Flanagan is a Democratic leader of force and character.

Judge Kiekham Scanlan fulfills the expectations of his friends. His record on the bench is a good one.

Trustee James M. Dalley of the Sanitary District always looks after the interests of the people.

Thomas J. Webb is respected in business and public life. He is an ideal member of the Board of Review.

The Little Giant motor truck is the best on the market.